



## Lafayette Police Department Press Release



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Lafayette Police responded to an armed robbery this morning at about 9:30am. A 72 year old female victim advised she was robbed at knife-point by a female suspect. This incident took place in a laundry room at the Stone Crest apartments located at 1901 Union Street. The suspect fled without being able to obtain any money.

At about 9:45am officers responded to a second robbery, this time at the Village Pantry located at 601 Union Street. The suspect description given by the Village Pantry employee matched very close to the description given in the earlier robbery just 15 minutes prior. Again a knife was displayed and money was demanded by a female suspect, and no money was obtained by the suspect in this robbery attempt.

Officers quickly arrived at the Village Pantry at 601 Union Street and found the alleged suspect still at the business. Officers disarmed a female suspect and detained her pursuant to both investigations. As a result of the investigations, Police arrested Karla Stamper, age 35, of 209 Fairington Ct. She was arrested for 2 counts of robbery while armed, battery, and intimidation. Stamper was booked in to the Tippecanoe County Jail.

A knife was recovered by police. No one was injured with the knife, however the 72 year old victim from the first reported robbery advised her hip was sore from actions during the altercation that occurred at the Stone Crest apartments location.

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